



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

Beautification Board

TO: Steve Burrow
Rodney Powell
Jimmie VanValkenburgh
Jim Bauer
Mary Wayne Gilmore
Margaret Griffin
Linda Bender
Mark Acreman
Harlan Harrison

FROM: Evelyn Sanders, Chairman

DATE: June 8 , 2017

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for **8:30** A.M., **Wednesday, June 14 , 2017**, in the **Administrative Conference Room** in City Hall.

Call Kathy Brown at City Hall (968-1166) if you are unable to attend the regular meeting.

FYI via email: Mayor Robert Craft
City Administrator Steve Griffin
Council Members: Philip Harris, Joe Garris, Jason Dyken, Steve Jones,
Gary Sinak
Andy Bauer
Jennifer Watkins

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

June 14, 2017

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 10 , 2017 meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Arbor Day -Linda & Margaret
 - B. Beautification Award -Steve & Rodney
 - C. Media -Mary Wayne
 - D. Website- Margaret
 - E. New Projects- Linda
 - F. Landscape Work Update -Harlan & Mark
 - G. Planning & Zoning Update -Jennifer Watkins
 - H. Council Update-
- V. Other Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Meeting Date and Time
- VIII. Meeting Adjourn

**Beautification Board Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
May 10, 2017**

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on May 10, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Evelyn Sanders, Chairman. She presided over the meeting in the Administrative Conference Room in City Hall.

Members present: Evelyn Sanders, Rodney Powell, Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Jim Bauer, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Margaret Griffin, Linda Bender, Mark Acreman, and Harlan Harrison.

Mary Wayne Gilmore made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting. Margaret Griffin seconded the motion.

Old Business – Mark Acreman reported that the City will begin working on the Sensory Garden in June. Chad Watkins has volunteered to help with the design. Will Tuggle and his group of students from Gulf Shores High School will help with the construction of the Sensory Garden.

Arbor Day – The Board decided to move the Arbor Day event to the corner of the Civic Center to display the trees. This will give the event a semi-shelter from the weather. We will have direct access to the restrooms. The Special Events Committee will furnish refreshments and electricity will be available when needed. Linda Bender made a motion to reserve the Civic Center for the last Saturday in February, 2018. The number of families who attended the event last year was 105. Mary Wayne Gilmore suggested that the number of trees be counted at the end. Mark Acreman stated that about 550 trees were used last year. Harlan Harrison said that the trees are usually gotten in December and he is getting bigger trees. Superior Trees puts the list of trees available on their website. The trees will be given to Gulf Shores residents only. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and over at 10 a.m. A time for the drawing for the special trees will be announced later. A microphone will be provided.

Beautification Board Award - Rodney Powell, Co-Chairman, announced that nominations for this award should be submitted. At our next meeting the award will be given .

Media – A reminder to give digital board requests to Abby Rhodes.

Website – Margaret Griffin, Chairman, reported that she had received training from Abby Rhodes on how to add information to the computer program.

New Projects – Linda Bender , Chairman of the Sensory Garden Project, continues to work on that project. Mark Acreman said that he will bring a draft of the project to the next meeting.

Landscape Work Update – Mark Acreman, Public Works Director, stated that the fence that has been installed is a new type of barrier and is used where a fall hazard might occur. The current beach project is being finished before Hangout Fest. LED lighting is being placed on bridge project guard rails. The overhead lighting in some areas between West Lagoon and the State Park will be removed. Harlan Harrison, Landscape Supervisor, told the Board that annuals are being added around the tennis courts. They are planting big areas around County Road 6 East and County Road 8. Traffic is the biggest problem at the present. Mark added that a lot of venues will be on the West side of the Beach Project.

There will be no booths on the Boardwalk for the Festival. Hookups have been moved to not block the Beach. Phase Two will have lots of new area for the venues.

Planning and Zoning Update – No report

Council Update – Chairman Evelyn Sanders will go to the Council meeting to tell them that we need a representative on the Beautification Board.

Other Old Business – None

New Business – None

The next meeting of the Beautification Board will be on June 14, 2017. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh
Secretary